

MEMORANDUM FOR NAVIGATION INTERESTS

SUBJECT: Forecast of Dredging and Marine Construction

**SNWW- PORT ARTHUR CANAL, SABINE NECHES CANEL IN JEFFERSON COUNTY,
TEXAS**

The Dredge "Leonard Fisher" will be dredging on the Port Arthur Canal. Floating and submerged dredge pipelines will extend behind the dredge to Placement Area No. 8 on the east side of the channel. Luhr Bros. Inc. is installing erosion control riprap on the east bank of the Sabine-Neches Canal along the upper end of Pleasure Island in Port Arthur. Riprap will be unloaded from barges mooring along the bank.

BAYPORT SHIP CHANNEL

The dredge "**George D. Williams**" (Weeks Marine) has arrived and begun dredging the channel, beginning in the flare, working towards the turning basin. Material is being placed at Mid Bay Marsh located adjacent to the channel near Marker 70. A submerged pipeline marked by yellow buoys runs along the Houston Ship Channel, outside the green markers from Bayport Channel to Mid Bay Marsh. The pipeline crosses Houston Ship Channel south of Marker 69. The channel crossing is marked by lighted red and green pontoon buoys.

HSC – PEGGY LAKE EROSION REPAIRS

R.L.B Contracting is installing erosion control riprap around Peggy Lake Placement Area, near the San Jacinto Monument. The Contractor will primarily deliver rock by local roads, but may also dig access channels to permit barges from the Houston Ship Channel, to access Peggy Lake.

HSC – MULTIPLE PLACEMENT AREA EROSION REPAIRS

Luhr Bros. Inc. will be installing erosion control riprap around six placement areas, starting in December 2006 and continuing into the summer of 2007. The six sites include Bolivar Marsh, Goat Island, Mid Bay Marsh Placement Area, Redfish Island, Spilman Island, and Placement Area No. 14. The areas are mostly adjacent to the east side of the Houston Ship Channel, between the San Jacinto Monument and Bolivar Peninsula. The Contractor will primarily deliver rock by digging access channels to permit barges from the Houston Ship Channel, to access the worksites.

HSC – MORGANS POINT TO EXXON

The dredge "John LaQuay" (LaQuay Dredging) is dredging Houston Ship Channel between SH146 Bridge and Exxon. Material is being placed at Alexander Island.

BARBOURS CUT

The dredge "R.S. Weeks" (Weeks Marine) is scheduled to arrive at the end of March. It will be mining in the Turning Basin. Material will be placed at Spilman Island.

FREEPORT HARBOR, TEXAS**ENTRANCE AND JETTY CHANNELS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS**

Dredging work is completed.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
NATURAL BAY BOTTOM ROUTE**

The Dredge “**JN Fisher**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) will begin operating in the Natural Bay Bottom Route located near the intersection of the GIWW and the Matagorda Ship Channel. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to a Placement Area located on the North Side of the channel. Estimated completion is April 2007.

**MATAGORDA SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
MATAGORDA PENINSULA TO POINT COMFORT**

The Dredge “**Jason LaQuay**” (LaQuay Dredging) will begin operating in the Matagorda Ship Channel in the vicinity of Indianola Beach and advance toward the Pt Comfort Turning Basin. Floating and submerged discharge lines will extend to Placement Areas on the East side of the channel. Estimated completion is June 2007.

**CORPUS CHRISTI SHIP CHANNEL, TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI ENTRANCE CHANNEL, HOPPER DREDGING**

The Hopper Dredge “**Columbia**” (B+B Dredging Co.) is operating in the Corpus Christi Outer Bar Channel from sta. 84+00 to 210+00. Estimated completion is April 2007. The dredge will utilize Placement Area No. 1.

**GULF INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI BAY TO MUD FLATS**

The Dredge “**Shamrock**” (Kingfisher Marine Service, LP) is now offsite.

**BRAZOS ISLAND HARBOR, TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE ENTRANCE CHANNEL, HOPPER DREDGING**

The Hopper Dredge “**Padre Island**” (Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.) is now offsite.

- » *Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.*
- » *Dredging operations are continuous, 24 hrs, 7 days, unless otherwise noted.*
- » *Dredging operations will continue through the month unless otherwise indicated.*
- » *Dredges monitor channel 13 and/or 16 on marine VHF radio, respective dredges should be contacted for coordination of passing and movement near operations.*

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